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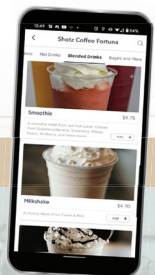
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# Why Does CDFW Celebrate Cultural Heritage Months Like Native American Heritage Month and Black History Month?

## Cultural Heritage

**Q:** Why does CDFW celebrate cultural heritage months like Native American Heritage Month in November and Black History Month in February?

**A:** There are two main reasons why the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) celebrates cultural heritage months: 1) We want to celebrate, identify and understand the cultural needs of the diverse group of Californians we serve. Along those lines, we want people of all cultural backgrounds to feel welcome when they interact with CDFW. 2) We want people of different backgrounds who work for CDFW, or who want to work for CDFW, to feel like they belong. We want our workforce to reflect California's diversity, and it helps us accomplish that goal when we understand the state's diverse cultural perspectives.

CDFW believes that the most equitable way of providing services to the public is identifying and understanding people's needs, and then providing services based on those needs. For example, there are differences in the

way that groups of Californians prefer to recreate and experience nature. Some cultures may gravitate toward hiking, while others may tend to prefer bird watching or fishing. As a department, we want to embed equity into our work and make California's natural resources available to everyone. To accomplish that goal, we strive to consider all perspectives when working on projects that involve or impact recreation.

Celebrating diverse perspectives also helps CDFW develop policy. By sharing diverse perspectives and celebrating how different cultures experience nature, we put ourselves in a better position to shape policies that are reflective of those experiences and needs.

CDFW's celebration of cultural heritage months is about understanding differences so we can be respectful of one another and honor each other's perspectives. We choose to recognize and honor differences in perspective as a reminder that our shared values include CDFW's



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mission to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.

## Sonoran Toad

**Q:** Does the Sonoran Desert toad exist anywhere in California?

**A:** The Sonoran Desert toad is considered extirpated from California, and its former range in the state occurred along the Colorado River. They do not occur in the wild anywhere in California as far as we know. They would be illegal to possess in California without a Scientific Collecting Permit.



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# Mouthwatering Recipes to Beef Up the Holiday Menu

**(FAMILY FEATURES)** At this year's holiday gatherings, you can put together a showstopping menu from the beginning of the party to the final bite with mouthwatering recipes that bring guests back for more. It all starts with beef, a versatile, beloved ingredient that can be used in appetizers, sides and main courses alike.

Consider these holiday favorites from Beef Loving Texans, including a must-have main course like Classic Beef Wellington. Perfect for a family get-together, this traditional dish combines tender chateaubriand roast with a homemade glaze of earthy mushrooms, red wine and Dijon mustard wrapped in a golden-brown puff pastry.

If you're serving a group, Top Sirloin Roast with Herb Garlic Peppercorn Crust is ideal for sharing and provides an eye-catching centerpiece at the dining room table.

Before bringing out the main course, however, there's an important aspect of seasonal parties that calls everyone to the kitchen: savory appetizers. You can invite your guests to share an option like Holiday Mini Beef Meatball Skewers with Cranberry Barbecue Sauce, a festive, easy-to-make favorite that can tide the cravings of a hungry crowd.

Find more beef-inspired holiday dishes at BeefLovingTexans.com.

## Classic Beef Wellington

Recipe courtesy of Beef Loving Texans

Total time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Servings: 4

1 teaspoon olive oil, divided

1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided  
1 chateaubriand tenderloin roast  
8 ounces mushrooms  
1 large shallot  
2 tablespoons dry red wine  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
flour  
1 sheet puff pastry

In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1/2 teaspoon oil until hot. Combine salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Press evenly onto all surfaces of roast. Place roast in skillet; brown evenly. Remove roast from skillet.

Heat oven to 425 F.

In food processor, pulse mushrooms and shallot about 10 times until finely chopped. Do not overprocess.

Place same skillet used for roast over medium-high heat and heat remaining oil until hot. Add mushrooms and shallot; cook 4-6 minutes until tender and all liquid is evaporated, stirring often. Add wine; cook 2-3 minutes until all liquid is evaporated. Stir in mustard, thyme and remaining pepper. Cook 2-3 minutes. Remove from skillet to medium bowl; cool.

Line rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and place in oven. On lightly floured cutting board, unfold puff pastry dough. Roll pastry out to 12-by-9-inch rectangle; lay dough with shortest edge toward you. Spread mushroom mixture onto pastry dough, leaving 1/2-inch border around edges. Place roast in center of mushrooms. Fold pastry dough neatly around roast, stretching dough if neces-

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sary. Cut off excess pastry dough; press to seal overlapping edges.

Remove baking sheet from oven and dust lightly with flour. Place pastry-wrapped roast, seam-side down, on baking sheet. Cut four (2-inch) vents in top of pastry.

Bake 35-50 minutes, or until golden brown and instant-read thermometer inserted into center of roast registers 135 F for medium-rare or 150 F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board. Let stand 10 minutes. Temperature will rise about 10 F to reach 145 F for medium-rare or 160 F for medium.

Carve into slices and serve.

### Top Sirloin Roast with Herb Garlic Peppercorn Crust

Recipe courtesy of Beef Loving Texans

Total time: 45 minutes

Servings: 8

- 1 center-cut sirloin beef roast (about 3 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

#### Seasoning:

- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground mixed peppercorns (black, white, green and pink)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Rub roast with olive oil.

To make seasoning: In small bowl, combine salt, parsley, thyme, garlic and mixed peppercorns; press evenly into beef roast.

Place roast in roasting pan or baking dish with wire rack in bottom. Bake 40-60 minutes. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135 F for medium-rare or 150 F for medium.

Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 10-15 minutes. Temperature will rise about 10 F to reach 145 F for medium-rare or 160 F for medium.

Carve roast into slices by cutting against grain.

### Holiday Mini Beef Meatball Skewers with Cranberry Barbecue Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Beef Loving Texans

Total time: 50 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup fresh zucchini, grated
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 small yellow onion, diced 1/2 inch
- 2 red bell peppers, diced 1/2 inch
- 2 green bell peppers, diced 1/2 inch
- 12 skewers (6 inches)

#### Cranberry Barbecue Sauce:

- 1 can (16 ounces) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 3 tablespoons barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In medium bowl, lightly mix ground beef, zucchini, egg, salt and pepper until thoroughly combined. Shape into 24 1-inch meatballs. Alternately thread meatballs, onions, red peppers and green peppers onto skewers. Place skewers on shallow-rimmed baking sheet.

Bake 22-25 minutes, or until instant-read thermometer inserted into center of meatball registers 160 F.

To make cranberry barbecue sauce: In medium saucepan, combine cranberry sauce and barbecue sauce; simmer 5 minutes, or until flavors blend.

Drizzle sauce over skewers or serve as dipping sauce.





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## SAFETY



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# 6 Safety Tips During Darker Nights This Season

**(STATEPOINT)** During the long dark nights of fall and winter, concerns about personal safety may increase. Whether commuting for work or class, getting in an evening run or walking the dog, you likely need to carry out daily activities long after the sun goes down.

To help keep you safe, David Nance, founder of the SABRE Personal Safety Academy, shares six essential tips, along with safety product recommendations:

**1. Make a plan before going out.** Tell someone you trust your plans and be sure to keep them posted on your whereabouts.

**2. Plan for darkness.** When it matters most, you don't want to be fumbling around in your bag or on your bedside table for a way to protect yourself. A first-of-its-kind tool, the SABRE Glow in the Dark Pepper Spray with Quick Release Key Ring is easy to find. Charged for as little as five minutes by any light source, the neon green illuminance can shine for as long as two hours, helping you stay prepared.

**3. Use night walking safety rules.** Don't walk in the street. Use well-lit sidewalks, avoiding dark areas with lots

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of shrubbery. Go in the opposite direction of traffic so you can see what's coming and whenever possible, walk with a friend. In a dark parking garage? Be extra alert.

**4. Get tech support.** Though looking at a smartphone while walking isn't safe, your tech devices can actually help protect you from dangerous situations when used wisely. For example, the free SABRE Personal Safety App sends help alerts to selected contacts with your location when the in-app alert button is pressed or when SABRE SMART Pepper Spray is deployed.

**5. Light your way.** Practically speaking, you may not always be able to stick exclusively to well-lit areas, but a multi-functional tool can keep you prepared to protect yourself against threats while also helping you stay aware of your surroundings. Serving double-duty, the SABRE PepperLight includes a maximum strength pepper spray while illuminating any dark area with 750 lumens, visible up to 540 feet. Another illuminating tool is the brand's Personal Alarm With LED Light And Snap Hook, which also features an alarm audible up to 1,250 feet, giving users an additional level of protection.

**6. Wear reflective gear.** Make yourself visible to cars and cyclists whenever you're running or walking in the dark with reflective apparel and gear, such as the SABRE Pepper Gel Runner Series with UV Marking Dye. Its adjustable hand strap and reflective logo offer protection and visibility. It's also a good choice as winter winds howl. Unlike pepper spray, pepper gel resists wind blowback.

Products from SABRE are available nationwide at Walmart, Target, Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lowe's, Menards, Academy and Bass Pro Shops, among other national retailers. While it's legal to carry these safety products in all 50 states, check local laws. For more information and safety tips, visit [www.sabrered.com](http://www.sabrered.com).

"While cold dark nights can create a sense of unease, the right tools and safety strategies can give you confidence and peace of mind this season," says Nance. ♦



## Northcoast Children's Services

### HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, Arcata

Responsible for ensuring the efficient functioning of the NCS Human Resources department by providing oversight & management of the department's operations & responsibilities, and supervising HR dept. staff. Oversee areas including recruitment & hiring, leave and ADA management, & workers compensation insurance coverage & claims. Provides training & support to supervision staff in the areas of state and federal labor law & regulations, anti-harassment & discrimination compliance, agency policies & procedures and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Provides oversight to the NCS benefits program & serves as plan administrator for the 403b program. The HR Director is an active member of the Labor Relations and Negotiations team.

Qualifications incl. a BA/BS degree in human resource management, business, education, or related field; 4 yr. exp. in an administrative position w/ an emphasis in human resources, and 1 yr. supervisory exp. Experience with Labor Relations and SHRM-CP or HRCI-PHR certification preferred.

Position is full time, exempt. Entry level salary range is \$1200.07-\$1325.36 per week. **Application Deadline: 12.09.22**

### MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT, Crescent City

Performs a variety of site repairs, alterations, construction projects & general yard maintenance for NCS sites. Cleans & schedules vehicle maintenance. 2 yrs. of construction exp. desirable. P/T 20 hrs./wk. (10am-2pm, flexible hours). \$15.00/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

### CENTER DIRECTOR, Eureka

Overall management of a Head Start center base program. Must meet Teacher Level on Child Development Permit Matrix, plus 3 units in Administration (BA/BS Degree in Child Development or related field preferred). Req. a min. of 2 yrs. exp. working w/

preschool children in a group setting. F/T 40 hr./wk. (M-Fri); \$20.50-\$22.61/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

### ASSOCIATE TEACHER, Willow Creek

Assists in the implementation & supervision of activities for preschool children. Req. a min. of 12 ECE units—including core classes—and at least 1-year exp. working w/ children. F/T. 32 hrs./wk., \$17.43-\$18.30/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

### TEACHERS, McKinleyville

Responsible for development & implementation of classroom activities—providing support & supervision for a toddler program. Must meet Associate Teacher Level on Child Development Permit Matrix & have one-year exp. teaching in a toddler setting. F/T position: 40 hrs./wk. & P/T position: 25-28 hrs./wk. \$17.94-\$19.78/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

### ASSISTANT TEACHERS, Eureka, McKinleyville, Del Norte

Assist center staff in the day-to-day operation of the classroom for a preschool program. 6-12 ECE units preferred or enrolled in ECE classes and have 6 months' exp. working w/ children. P/T 17-27 hrs./wk. \$15.38-\$16.96/hr.

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### INTERPRETERS, Eureka, Fortuna

Assist in interpreting in class, at parent meetings and on home visits for children and families. Bilingual Spanish required. Must have 6 months' exp. working w/ children and families. Prefer 6-12 units in Early Childhood Education. P/T 12-20 hrs./wk. \$15.38-\$16.96/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

**Please note:** Per grant requirements, All NCS staff are required to submit proof of a complete COVID -19 vaccination, except those who are granted an exemption. All staff who are eligible for an exemption must undergo weekly testing for SARS-CoV-2 infection. All staff must wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status. Please contact Administrative Services if you need information regarding vaccinations or exemptions.

Submit applications to:  
**Northcoast Children's Services**

1266 9th Street, Arcata, CA 95521

For addtl info & application please call 707-822-7206 or visit our website at [www.ncsheadstart.org](http://www.ncsheadstart.org)

# Give the Gift of Preserving the Garden's Harvest

by Melinda Myers

**GIVE A GIFT** that helps your favorite gardeners enjoy the flavors of their garden well past the end of the growing season. Both new and experienced gardeners often spend their gardening budget on plants and seeds, leaving little or none to invest in food preservation equipment and supplies. Prepare your favorite gardener for the next harvest season with some food preservation supplies and equipment.

Canning jars, freezer containers, spice cubes and airtight bottles for canning, freezing, and storing dehydrated herbs and vegetables are always welcome gifts. These supplies come in handy throughout the harvest season and are often in short supply when food preservation is at its peak.

Most gardeners grow their own fresh herbs and drying is the easiest way to preserve the harvest. Simply gather stems, secure with a rubber band, and suspend in a warm, dry location. As the stems dry and shrink, the rubber band does as well, keeping the stems secure. Use a spring clothespin to secure the herb bundles to wires or other support. Create your own drying set up or invest in one of the commercial herb drying racks.

If space is limited, your gift recipient will appreciate a system like the Stack-it Herb Drying Rack (gardeners.com) that allows them to dry lots of herbs in a very small footprint. The drying system you purchase or create should provide the needed space for the harvest and allow sufficient air circulation for fast drying.

Herbs with high moisture content like basil, oregano, lemon balm and mints will mold if not dried quickly. If this has been a problem in the past, try placing a small bunch in a paper bag with holes in

the side and stems outside the bag. Hang these from a drying rack or speed up the process by using a microwave or food dehydrator.

Many gardeners grow onions, garlic, and potatoes for long-term storage. All three of these vegetables prefer cool, dark storage locations with good air circulation. Separate potatoes from onions that give off pungent gases that can taint the potatoes' flavor.

Avoid plastic bags that retain moisture and can shorten these vegetables' storage life. Breathable potato and onion storage baskets have been used by gardeners for centuries. Boost the style and space savings with the Stackable Bamboo Harvest Storage Basket with Lid. Just stack as needed and place on the rolling base for easy storage and accessibility.

Help your gift recipient turn their harvest into something delicious. Fermentation is a relatively easy preservation technique that has been used for thousands of years. Preserve some of your cucumbers as pickles, cabbage as sauerkraut, and berries as preserves with fermentation.

For most projects you just need the fruit or vegetables, water, salt and spices. The desired ingredients are placed in a covered vessel like a Stoneware Pickling Crock. Weights are used to keep the fruit and vegetables submerged in water throughout the fermentation process.

Consider smaller fermentation kits for those with limited space. A three-liter glass jar with an air-lock lid and ce-



Tomato press and sauce makers turn garden-ripe tomatoes into a seed-free, skin-free sauce with the turn of a handle. Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com

ramic weights will allow you to ferment small quantities of vegetables.

Reduce the workload and boost the enjoyment for those making tomato juice, sauces and soups. Hand crank and electric tomato presses, strainers and sauce makers allow gardeners to separate the skins and seeds from the tomato meat for quicker and easier processing.

Giving a gift that helps preserve flavors from the recipient's garden will be useful and remembered for seasons to come.

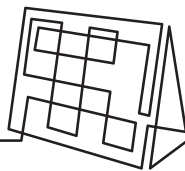


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# Calendar

Dec. 1 - Dec. 15, 2022



## Virtual World

### ARTS & CULTURE

**Equity Arcata's Community Book Club.** First Monday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Alia Dunphy and Meridith Oram discuss Adrienne Marie Brown's book *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. On Zoom. Register online. equityarcata.com.

**On the Same Page Book Club.** Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at [forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7](https://forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7).

**Young Dubliners.** Fri., Dec. 2, 9 p.m. The 30-year Celtic rock veterans tour in support of their 10th studio album. \$25. [humbrews.com/live-entertainment/](https://humbrews.com/live-entertainment/). (707) 826-2739.

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Tuesdays. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. [english-expressempowered.com](https://english-expressempowered.com). (707) 443-5021.

**Sistahood.** Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

**Volunteer Orientation Food for People.** Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. [volunteer@foodforpeople.org](mailto:volunteer@foodforpeople.org). [foodforpeople.org/volunteering](https://foodforpeople.org/volunteering). (707) 445-3166, ext. 310.

## Curry County

### ARTS & CULTURE

**Rent.** Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m. Chetco Pelican Players, 1240 Chetco Ave. Hwy 101, Brookings. Set in the East Village of New York City, *Rent* is about

falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Rent* has become a pop cultural phenomenon, with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages. \$15, \$7 students. [chetcopelicanplayers.org/rent](https://chetcopelicanplayers.org/rent).

**"Winter Canyon" Concert - Trinity.** Mon., Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St., Brookings. Featuring Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite," "Premiere Rhapsody for Clarinet" (Claude Debussy), "The Night Before Christmas" (Randol Alan Bass) and other selections. \$12, \$10 advance, free for youth through 12th grade.

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Brookings Christmas Parade.** Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. City of Brookings, Brookings. Parade will begin at dusk, about 5:30 p.m. Parade starts at the Presbyterian church, down Oak onto Railroad, up 5th, to Easy. Finishing back at the Presbyterian Church. Santa, treats and music at the Event Center (800 Chetco Ave.) immediately following the parade.

**Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market.** Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market, 15786 U.S. Highway 101, South Brookings. Produce, artisan foods, baked goods, grass-fed beef, crafts and more. Look for the big white tents. Open year-round, rain or shine.

**Holiday Light Parade and Tree Lighting.** Sat., Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Curry County Fairgrounds, 29392 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach. After you enjoy the light parade, join the community for the tree lighting at the fairgrounds and indulge in some warm cider, hot chocolate and treats. The big man himself may even make an appearance.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast.** Second Sunday of every month, 8-10:30 a.m. Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 820 Old County Road, Brookings. Every second Sunday of the month. \$8.

**Puzzle Exchange.** First Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m.-noon. Gold Beach Community Center, 29841 Airport Way. First Tuesday of every month.

## Del Norte County

### ARTS & CULTURE

**"Winter Canyon" Concert.** Sun., Dec. 4, 3 p.m. Elk Valley Rancheria Auditorium, 2332 Howland Hill Road, Crescent City. Featuring Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite," "Premiere Rhapsody for Clarinet" (Claude Debussy), "The Night Before Christmas" (Randol Alan Bass) and other selections. \$12, \$10 advance, free for youth through 12th grade.

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Christmas Light Parade and Tree Lighting.** Fri., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. Downtown Crescent City, 890 Third St. Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the Christmas parade. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. The line-up starts at Seventh Street. (in front of the police station) and wraps around G Street. Tree lighting and singing with the Madrigals in the plaza immediately following the parade.

**Ocean Air Farms Farm Stand.** Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ocean Air Farms, 2420 Moorehead Road, Crescent City. Roadside farm stand offering homegrown organic veggies and produce.

## Trinity County

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Pancakes with Santa.** Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-noon. Trinity County Fairgrounds, 6000 State Highway 3, Hayfork. Enjoy breakfast with Santa. More info at [weavervilleca.org](https://weavervilleca.org). [hayforkcentury.com](https://hayforkcentury.com).

## Humboldt County

### ARTS & CULTURE

**Arcata High Artisan Faire.** Fri., Dec. 2, 5-8 p.m. Arcata High School, 1720 M St. Handmade, one-of-a-kind items for sale including gifts made in school woodshop, laser engraved items made in the Maker Space, art and photography from the Arcata Arts Institute, and more in the Fine Arts building. Music by AHS small ensemble. Free.

**Art Club.** First Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Redwood Retro, 211 G St., Eureka. Come for the conversation and bring your own project be provided with materials and instruction for one for an additional fee. Sign up and this month's project online. \$22. [stainedghost.com](https://stainedghost.com).

**Art Night at the Sanctuary.** Third and First

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Thursday of every month, 4-7 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Create with others freely or work on a guided project. Bring your own supplies or use what's around to collage, paint, draw, make an art book, etc. \$5-\$20 suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds. [sanctuaryarcata.org](http://sanctuaryarcata.org).

**Arts Alive.** First Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Art, and a heap of it, plus live music. All around Old Town and Downtown, Eureka. Free. [eurekamainstreet.org](http://eurekamainstreet.org). (707) 442-9054.

**Arts! Arcata.** Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. City of Arcata, Arcata. Celebrate the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata during Arts! Arcata. Enjoy art, shopping, live music, events and more.

**Bayside Ballads and Blues.** Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Every Wednesday.

**Comedy Humboldt Open Mic.** First Thursday of every month, 8-10 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Tell your jokes.

**Dances of Brazil.** Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and María Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. [talavera.rocio@gmail.com](mailto:talavera.rocio@gmail.com).

**Eureka Symphony Winter Festival.** Dec. 2-3, 8 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. "Christmas Overture" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, "Symph-

Hanukkah" by Peter Jaffe, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Christmas Eve Suite" and Sergei Prokofiev's "Troika", plus Alan Silvestri's "Polar Express Suite." \$19-\$49 (rush tickets at door at 7 p.m. are \$10 with student ID, \$15 adult).

**Farm to Table: Late Night Comedy.** Saturdays, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Baseball Robby curates this small batch artisanal stand-up comedy showcase. \$5. [info@savagehenrycomedy.com](mailto:info@savagehenrycomedy.com). [savagehenrycomedy.com](http://savagehenrycomedy.com). (707) 845-8864.

**Ferndale Dance Academy Presents Once Upon A December.** Sat., Dec. 10, 5-6:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. Eureka High School Auditorium, 1915 J St. Performances by both students and professional FDA dancers. Tickets at the door with cash or check. \$15, free for kids 3 and under. [learn2dance@ferndaledance.com](mailto:learn2dance@ferndaledance.com). (707) 496-0805.

**First Friday International Dance Party.** First Friday of every month, 8-10:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. The Humboldt Folk Dancers host easy dances and international music with local bands. All ages and dance levels welcome. COVID protocols are in place. \$5 sliding scale. [kurumada@humboldt.edu](mailto:kurumada@humboldt.edu). [humboldtfolkdancers.org](http://humboldtfolkdancers.org). (707) 496-6734.

**Holiday Open Studios.** Sat., Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. StewArt Studios, 1125 16th St., Arcata. Six artists welcome the community to their studios to browse painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, gicleé prints and greeting cards. Laura Corsiglia, Patricia Sennott, Libby George, Carol Andersen, Benjamin Funke and Guest Artist Joyce Jonté. Free. [\[nott@gmail.com\]\(mailto:nott@gmail.com\). \(707\) 496-1922.](mailto:psen-</a></p>
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**Holiday Sale.** Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. Featuring ceramics and fused glass by Fire Arts members and students. [director@fireartsarcata.com](mailto:director@fireartsarcata.com). [fireartsarcata.com](http://fireartsarcata.com). (707) 826-1445.

**Kenny Bowling.** Fridays, 9-midnight. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Country music. Every Friday.

**Laughy Hour.** Fridays, 6-8 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Sign-ups start at 6 p.m. Comics get five minutes. Snacks, drinks, friendly atmosphere. Zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Free, donations accepted. [info@savagehenrycomedy.com](mailto:info@savagehenrycomedy.com). [savagehenrycomedy.com](http://savagehenrycomedy.com). (707) 845-8864.

**Live Music: Kaptain Kirk.** Thu., Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. Myrtle Ave. Tasting Room, 1595 B Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Live music on the patio with Kaptain Kirk's Kosmic Koncoction. Free. (707) 269-7143.

**Live Music.** Fridays, 6-8:30 p.m. Fieldbrook Market & Eatery, 4636 Fieldbrook Road. Every Friday, local bands play folk, bluegrass, Americana. Always family friendly. Check Facebook or Instagram for updates on who's playing. Free. [fieldbrookmarket@gmail.com](mailto:fieldbrookmarket@gmail.com). (707) 633-6097.

**McKinleyville Community Choir Rehearsal.** Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E. 16th St. Join if you like to sing or play an instrument. Reading music or prior experience not necessary. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening. [\*\*FOR SALE: LUMBER RACK FROM\*\* Chevy ext cab, 6 ½ ft. bed; rack widened to fit canopy \\$350.00. Call 707-459-5012 or email: \[rondalynnmc@sbcglobal.net\]\(mailto:rondalynnmc@sbcglobal.net\)](mailto:ccgreene46@</a></p>
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**LOST DOG: MINI CHIHUAHUA, MALE,** tan w/ white chest, 8 yrs old. Missing since December in McKinleyville. Please call 707-713-6105 or Joyful Healer Church, McKinleyville. His mom misses and loves him and wants him back please.



# Find The Elves Contest

*Find the Elves in Ferndale this Holiday Season!*  
December 8th through December 18th

Holiday elves **FERN** and **DALE**, are hiding throughout the city! Can you find them?

Find the elves in a participating business and receive a special gift from that Ferndale business.

Must be 10 and under to win and accompanied by an adult.

**Participating Businesses**

- Red Front Store
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- Chapman's Bookstore
- Golden Gate Mercantile
- Sunsine & Fog
- Ferndale Liquors
- The Blacksmith Shop
- and more!



gmail.com. (831) 419-3247.

**Monthly Sing-along.** First Thursday of every month, 7-9:30 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Sing your favorite folk, pop and rock songs of the Sixties and Seventies. Songbooks provided. \$3. joel@asis.com. (707) 407-6496.

**My Black Is ... Exhibition.** Wednesdays, Thursdays, 12-6 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Reese Bullen Gallery, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Part of a series for local Black artists with Black Humboldt to normalize Black and Brown arts, art forms and community members within all art spaces. Free. rbg@humboldt.edu. artfilm.humboldt.edu/galleries/reese-bullen-gallery/my-black. (707) 826-3629.

**North Coast Dance The Nutcracker.** Dec. 9-11. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. The classic holiday ballet. For times and ticket information, visit north-coastdance.org.

**Open Mic in the Vintage Television Stage.** First Friday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Redwood Retro, 211 G St., Eureka. Redwood Retro's monthly open mic experience. Music, dance, spoken word, comedy and more. (707) 601-9667.

**Open Mikey.** Wednesdays, 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. The longest running comedy open-mic the county. Sign up at 9 p.m. for a five-minute set. Show at 9:30 p.m. Snacks, drinks, zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Free, donations accepted. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

**Opera Alley Cats.** Tuesdays, Fridays, 7-10 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. Professional-level jazz twice a week with cool vibes and great people. Free. thespeak-easybar@yahoo.com. facebook.com/speak-easyeureka. (707) 444-2244.

**Sunday Jazz Jams.** Sundays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Every Sunday. Jazz players, all ages, all levels. Bring your ax and play some Real Book tunes. Everybody who wants to plays. Free. blondiesfoodanddrink@gmail.com. blondiesfoodanddrink.com. (707) 822-3453.

**Sunday Open-Mic.** Sundays, 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Sign-ups at 9 p.m., show at 9:30 p.m., local favorite features for the 10@10. Comics get

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## LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market.** First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

**Al Gray Electric Lighted Parade.** Fri., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. Redwood Village Shopping Center, 735 S Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna. Parade leaves Redwood Village Shopping Center at 6:30 p.m. Free. [fortunachamber.com](http://fortunachamber.com).

**Bayside Holiday Market.** Thursdays-Saturdays, 12-7 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Third annual Bayside Holiday Market featuring 30+ artisans under one roof. Special guest artists each weekend. Handmade soaps, candles, housewares and more. Free entry. [amysalmostperfect@gmail.com](mailto:amysalmostperfect@gmail.com). [fb.me/e/2jaiKGzWs](https://fb.me/e/2jaiKGzWs). (707) 593-6544.

**Christmas Celebration.** Thu., Dec. 1, 5-7:30 p.m. McKinleyville Shopping Center, Central Avenue. Santa arrives on a fire truck at 5:30 p.m. to light the Christmas tree. After, go indoors for activities and snacks. Bring your camera for a free photo with Santa. Free horse-drawn carriage rides, cookie making, crafts, letters to Santa and more. Free. [Laceandbootsllc@gmail.com](mailto:Laceandbootsllc@gmail.com). (707) 497-9934.

**Fortuna 2022 Holiday Dazzle.** Mondays. City of Fortuna, Various city locations. Citywide decorating contest for residences and businesses within city limits. Win cash and prizes. Sign up by Dec. 11. Public votes Dec. 12-26.

**Fortuna Garden Club Home Tour and Tea.** Wed., Dec. 14, 1-9 p.m. Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main St. Enjoy tea, coffee, candies, cookies and scones at the Fortuna Monday Club for 50th annual event, tour three Fortuna homes and participate in the opportunity drawing. \$20. [shermankim1@att.net](mailto:shermankim1@att.net) or [Bevward49a@gamil.com](mailto:Bevward49a@gamil.com). (707) 261-7555.

**Fortuna Holiday Open House.** Fri., Dec. 9, 5-8 p.m. Fortuna Main Street and Downtown, Main Street.

**Freedom Matters.** Second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Meets every second Tuesday of the month.

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### Harvest Dinner. Sat., Dec. 3, 4-7:30 p.m.

Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Sit down for a buffet of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, bread, cranberry jelly and dessert. Dine-in or to-go. Pre-pay online or by cash or check at the door. \$20 per serving, \$35 for two, \$10 for children under 10 and seniors. [harvest-dinner-2022.cheddarup.com](http://harvest-dinner-2022.cheddarup.com). (707) 442-4890.

### Holiday Artisan Fair at the Bigfoot Taproom.

Sundays, 1-6 p.m. The Bigfoot Taproom, 1750 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Shop local crafters, artisans and vendors. Indoor event. Rain or shine. 21 and over. Free. [thebigfoottaproom@gmail.com](mailto:thebigfoottaproom@gmail.com). [thebigfoottaproom.com](http://thebigfoottaproom.com). (707) 630-4057.

**Holiday Bazaar.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Willow Creek China-Flat Museum, 38949 State Route 299. Browse quilted items, jewelry, candy, ceramics, crochet and knitted items, wreaths and more. Free admission.

**Holiday Craft Market.** Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Two days of holiday music, food and handcrafted items. Benefits the Youth Development Scholarship Fund. \$1. [cityofarcata.org/rec](http://cityofarcata.org/rec).

**Holiday Decoration Exchange.** Sat., Dec. 3, 12-4 p.m. Eureka Center for Spiritual Living, 239 Buhne St. Take whatever decorations you like and, if possible, leave what you can. Donations appreciated.

**Holidays in Trinidad.** Sat., Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Trinidad, Downtown. Dec. 3: Trinidad Head Lighthouse Tour from 10 a.m. to noon, FleaArt and Holiday Boutique at Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4: Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., McKinleyville Community Choir Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 11: Trinidad School Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Santa's Lighted Boat Parade at 6 p.m. [tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org](mailto:tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org). [trinidadcivicclub.org](http://trinidadcivicclub.org). (707) 677-3655.

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**Hospitality Night Open House.** Fri., Dec. 2, 6-9 p.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. The Victorian Village welcomes friends to a lively evening block party. Merchants stay open until 9 p.m. to serve up cheer along with free beverages and goodies. Free.

**Humboldt Artisans Crafts & Music Festival.** Fri., Dec. 2, 12-9 p.m., Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Holiday entertainment from local musicians, plus food and four buildings of art and craft vendors. \$5, free for free with gift donation to Humboldt Bay Firefighter toy drive, free for kids & seniors and after 5 p.m.. [redwood-acres.com](http://redwood-acres.com).

**Humboldt County Animal Shelter's Annual Holiday Fundraiser.** Sat., Dec. 10, 12-4 p.m. Humboldt County Animal Shelter, 980 Lycoming Ave., McKinleyville. Raffle, online silent auction and refreshments. Adoptable cats and dogs. Raffle tickets for purchase at the shelter Dec. 5-9 (need not be present to win). [flar.betterworld.org/](http://flar.betterworld.org/). (707) 840-9132.

**Humboldt Flea Market.** First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Masks and safe social distancing required. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for kids under 13.

**Kid's Night at the Museum.** Fridays, 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. [info@discovery-museum.org](mailto:info@discovery-museum.org). [discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html](http://discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html). (707) 443-9694.

**Look Closer and Make Connections.** Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata. Explore new exhibits and activities, including a grizzly bear specimen, Discovery Boxes, microscopes, puzzles, scavenger hunts and more. \$3. [natmus@humboldt.edu](mailto:natmus@humboldt.edu). (707) 826-4479.

**Monthly Meeting VFW Post 1872.** First Tuesday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Calling all combat veterans and all veterans eligible for membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet comrades and learn



about events in the renovated Memorial Building. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

**Old Fashioned Pancake Breakfast.** Sun., Dec. 4, 8-11 a.m. Freshwater Grange, 48 Grange Road. Enjoy breakfast in the spacious hall with buttermilk and whole grain pancakes, ham, sausages, scrambled eggs, apple compote, orange juice, tea and French Roast coffee. Top your eggs with homemade salsa and cheese. \$10, \$7 children. freshwaterhall@gmail.com.

**Old Town Beautification.** Sat., Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Help keep the planters in Old Town looking beautiful. Supplies provided. This is a family-friendly event, kids must have a parent/guardian present. facebook.com/events/697824738340726. (707) 441-4080.

**Portuguese Linguica & Beans Dinner.** Sun., Dec. 4, 4-7 p.m. Ferndale Portuguese Hall, Fifth Street and Ocean Avenue. Food and friendliness on tree-lighting night. Benefits Portuguese Hall repairs.

**Redwood Parks Conservancy's Annual Candlelight Walk.** Sat., Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, 5-8 p.m. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, 12701 Newton B Drury, Orick. A nighttime walk through the ancient redwood forest in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park lit by over 500 luminaria. Also storytellers and musicians. Hot cider and cookies. Tickets for 300 spots per night online only. redwoodparksconservancy.org/33rd-annual-candlelight-walk-through-ancient-redwoods.

**Santa Claus Arrives in Ferndale.** Sat., Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. Santa bring bags of goodies for youngsters on Main Street. Take a pic with old Saint Nick. Free.

**Stewardship Work Day.** Sat., Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Court. Join Trinidad Coastal Land Trust in caring for the coast. Email or call to sign up. zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. trinidad-coastallandtrust.org. (707) 677-2501.

**Stocking Stuffer Boutique.** Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. \$1 admission. glccenter.org.

**The Ballad of Flint Westward.** Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Annual holiday show. arcata-playhouse.org.

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**Tomásean Foley's A Celtic Christmas.** Thu., Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Recreating the night before Christmas around the fire in a remote farmhouse in the west of Ireland with traditional Irish carols.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Sun., Dec. 4, 4-6 p.m. City of Ferndale, Ferndale. Ferndale's 88th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with guest speakers, cookies and hot chocolate. Tree lighting countdown begins at 5 p.m. Free. (707) 322-8931.

**Tree Lighting Festival.** Sat., Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m. Rio Dell and Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Ave. Meet Santa, enjoy the fire truck parade, family friendly activities, holiday music and refreshments.

**Trinidad Flea Art.** First Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. High quality flea market items and art made by local artisans. Live music. For more info or to be a vendor, call (707) 834-8720. [tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org](mailto:tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org). (707) 677-3655.

**Trivia Night.** First Monday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery & Tasting Room, 550 South G St., #4, Arcata. Test your knowledge while enjoying craft beer. The winning team wins a Redwood Curtain gift card. Free. [redwoodcurtainbrewing.com](http://redwoodcurtainbrewing.com). (707) 826-7222.

### NIGHTLIFE

**Karaoke (Thirsty Bear Lounge).** Thursdays, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Come get your sing on. Free. [bearrivercasino.com](http://bearrivercasino.com).

**Karaoke.** Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Firewater Lounge, Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad. Pick a song and sing.

**Reel Genius Trivia at Fieldbrook Market & Eatery every Sunday.** Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Fieldbrook Market & Eatery, 4636 Fieldbrook Road. General trivia for prizes. Max seven per team. Free. [partners@reelgeniustrivia.com](mailto:partners@reelgeniustrivia.com). (707) 601-1606.

**Reel Genius Trivia Wednesdays at the Madrone.** Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. The Madrone Taphouse, 421 Third St., Eureka. General trivia for everyone Free to play, win prizes. Max seven people per team. Free. [partners@reelgeniustrivia.com](mailto:partners@reelgeniustrivia.com). [reelgeniustrivia.com/](http://reelgeniustrivia.com/). (707) 601-1606.

**Throw 'Em Back Thursdays.** Third and First Thursday of every month, 9 p.m. Wave



Lounge, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. DJ Statik spinning throwback, hip hop and R&B. Free. [bluelakecasino.com/entertainment/wave](http://bluelakecasino.com/entertainment/wave).

#### Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen.

Saturdays, 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. See the newly remodeled Memorial Building and enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. [PearceHansen999@outlook.com](mailto:PearceHansen999@outlook.com). (707) 443-5331.

**Trivia with Reel Genius.** Sundays, 6-8:30 p.m. Fieldbrook Market & Eatery, 4636 Fieldbrook Road. Hosted by Reel Genius. Max team size is seven. Starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Family friendly. Prizes. Free. [fieldbrookmarket@gmail.com](mailto:fieldbrookmarket@gmail.com). (707) 633-6097.

## Mendocino County

### ARTS & CULTURE

**Mendocino Community Jam.** First Sunday of every month, 3-5 p.m. Community Center of Mendocino, 998 School St. A gathering of people who enjoy creating music with others. We'll go around the circle and when it's your turn, you can lead a song, choose a song and ask others to lead it, or pass. Feel free to bring songs to share. The *Rise Up Singing* books are full of good songs. Instruments welcome. Free.

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Festival of Lights.** Fridays-Sundays. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, 18220 North Highway 1, Fort Bragg. The 12th annual stroll along twinkling pathways and marvel at the inventive displays created by Gardens staff and volunteers. Find a unique present for your favorite person at the gift shop and snag some hot drinks and sweet treats from the Holiday Cafe. Happens rain or shine. [gardenbythesea.org](http://gardenbythesea.org).

**First Friday Art Walk.** First Friday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Downtown Ukiah, Ukiah. Join artists and their hosts for an evening of art, music and refreshments as you stroll from one venue to the next; each showcasing local art and artistry.

**Fort Bragg Farmers Market.** Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Fort Bragg Farmers Market, N Franklin St. & E Laurel St. Seasonal fruits, vegetables, organic and free range beef and pork and eggs, wild-caught local fish and seafood, artisan goat cheese, sweets, breads, flowers and plants. Plus, hot food, live music.

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### Historic Walking Tours of Mendocino.

Saturdays, Sundays. Guest House Museum, 343 N Main St., Fort Bragg. Join local history experts on a two-hour walk through Mendocino's famous Historic District. Book via email. Face coverings required. Well-behaved dogs allowed but must remain outside at some stops. \$50 for up to four people, \$75 for party of six. tours@KelleyHouseMuseum.org.

**Holiday Craft Fair 2022.** Fri., Dec. 9, 12-7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Willits Center For the Arts, 71 E Commercial St.

**Ukiah Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Alex Thomas Plaza, School and Clay streets, Ukiah.

## Lake County

### LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

**Christmas in Middletown.** Sat., Dec. 10, 3-7 p.m. Middletown, Lake County. Santa Claus at Library Park from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tree Lighting at Library Park at 6 p.m. Merchants open late, vendors at the library, Passport to Fun and more.

**Kelseyville Christmas in the Country.** Fri., Dec. 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Downtown Kelseyville, Main Street. Come to downtown Kelseyville for the annual Parade of Lights, merchant open house, photos with Santa Claus and more.

**Lakeport Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St., Lakeport. Rain or shine. ♦

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**EVERY NOW AND THEN**, thought Doc, that opportunity comes back to haunt me. Like it is right now on this crisp morning walk. It came early in his medical life, an invitation to join with a famous big hospital Back East. He'd make more money, he knew, and there was the seductive challenge of being on the cutting edge of what the world of medicine had to offer to the world of people.

He stopped for a minute and looked up through the stark tangle of bare limbs on a cottonwood tree. The filigree patterns of early winter never grew old to Doc. Sometimes they reminded him of capillaries or the branching out of small spring creeks heading for a trout river. And sometimes, they were just pretty to look at and deserved a pause in Doc's morning walk.

He and his wife, known to everyone as Mrs. Doc, had come here to the valley many years ago. Each had become a local institution the way these things go in a small, rural area. They both regretted not having any children of their own, but the devotion each felt for the other tended to at least partially fill that emotional cavity.

Jeffrey Martin came trotting along the sidewalk on his way to school. Had his book backpack and lunch too.

"Mornin' Doc!" he said.

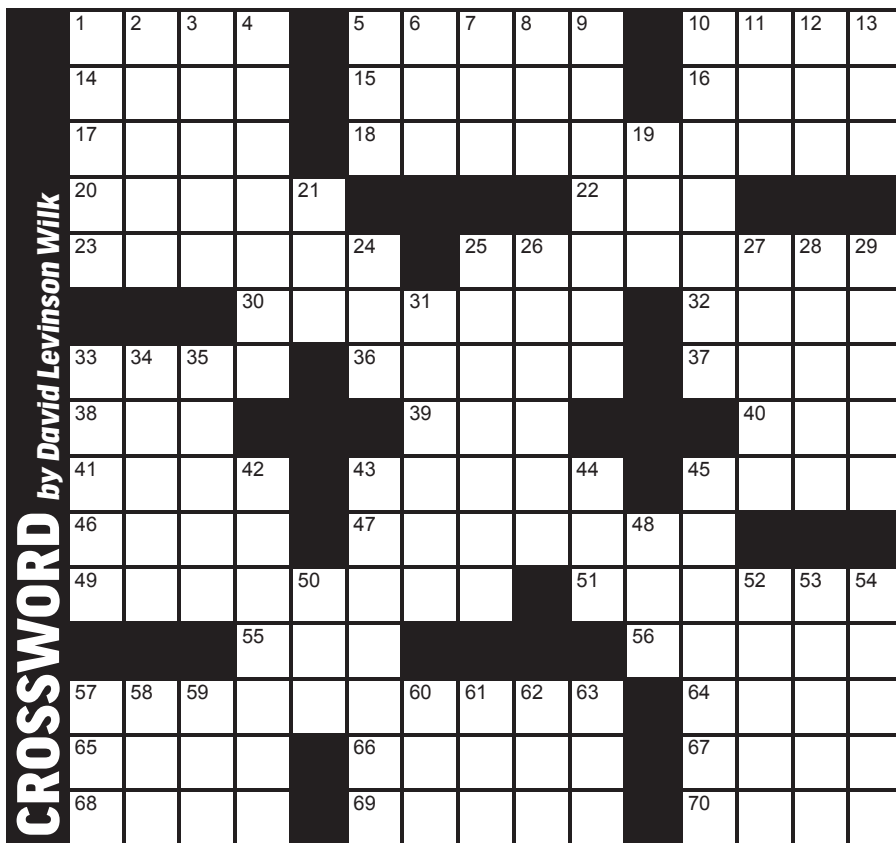
"Hey Jeff. How's school?"

"Just fine. Gotta run. I'm late."

Doc smiled after him. Third grade this year? Close to that anyway. Jeffrey had been a difficult birth. So had Jeffrey's mother. And Doc had been there for both of them. There's more than one way to have a family, Doc thought, smiling. ♦

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1. Topic: Abbr.
5. Put back to zero, say
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14. Andrea Bocelli offering
15. Dubliners, e.g.
16. City mentioned in "Folsom Prison Blues"
17. Cunning
18. "Network" Oscar winner
20. Some Starbucks sizes
22. Surgery sites, for short
23. "Is that so?"
25. 2009 Skateboarding Hall of Fame inductee
30. Pointless situation?
32. Jai \_\_\_
33. "The Power Broker" author Robert
36. When repeated, squeals
37. Grinding place
38. Health org. since 1847
39. Kind of trail
40. Trivia whiz Jennings
41. Pete and Julie's "Mod Squad" partner
43. Wag a finger at
45. First lady before Mamie
46. Within: Prefix
47. Sony competitor
49. "Hogan's Heroes" star
51. Focus of @TeamCoco tweets
55. Make public
56. "This is weird, but ..."
57. TV personality with the catchphrase "champagne wishes and caviar dreams"
64. Swamp
65. Womb, jocularly
66. "Rubber Duckie" singer
67. Van Halen's "Live Without \_\_\_"
68. Dwyane of the NBA
69. Renounced figure at a baptism
70. Some House votes

### DOWN

1. Handled
2. Dickens villain \_\_\_ Heep
3. A Baldwin brother
4. Celeb whose name anagrams to "Enjoy L.A."
5. Embarrassing sound when one bends over
6. Before, poetically
7. Take a load off
8. Suffix with Nepal
9. Seats of power
10. Bestselling novelist who got his law degree at Ole Miss
11. Stimp's TV pal
12. "Monsters, \_\_\_"
13. "I'm such a fool!"
19. Cook in oil
21. \_\_\_ Paulo
24. QVC competitor
25. 1992 U.S. Open champion
26. Frozen foods giant
27. In the same way
28. England formally annexed it in 1536

29. Clay bakers
31. Collect one's winnings
33. Moses sent him into Canaan to spy
34. Kind of acid in protein
35. Grammy category
42. "She don't lie, she don't lie, she don't lie," per an Eric Clapton song
43. Jazz bassist Mingus
44. Prefix with system
45. 2015 Oscar winner for Best Picture ... or an apt description of 18; 25; 49- or 57-Across and 4- or 25-Down
48. "Veep" channel
50. \_\_\_ Tin Tin
52. "Let It Go" singer Menzel
53. Tito Puente's nickname
54. Putin's put-downs
57. Ticket info
58. Egg cells
59. River bottom
60. Disco \_\_\_
61. Raid target
62. Grp. with many operations
63. Rooster's mate

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